



CAUGHT WITH GOODS

Mrs. John Bowman and Mrs. Vera Lynch, who were arrested, Wednesday, by Constable D. L. Williams, charged with stealing a hog from the pen of Arthur Barrett, south of St. Catherine, was given a preliminary hearing before Justice John W. Porter at 1:00 o'clock, Thursday afternoon. Mr. Porter fixed their bond at \$100, and released them on their own recognizance.

Barrett, an ex-soldier of the world war, has been staying in town with his little girl who is taking medical treatment, and it is claimed that the two women knew of this fact, and decided that the time was ripe to fill the family larder. They admitted to the officers that they went after the hog in a car.

Enter, Dave Williams, sleuth. Mr. Williams called at the Bowman home Wednesday.

"Had they seen anything of a hog that Mr. Barrett lost?" he inquired.

"No," was the reply.

"I've got a search warrant," said the officer, "and I believe I'll look around a little."

The search was uneventful until he came to a locked door. He was told that it was impossible to enter that room. It belonged to a roomer.

Mr. Williams debated the matter, while he listened. A window was raised then lowered.

"Affairs must be progressing," he soliloquized. Presently he went around the house and in a barrel close to the window of the locked room he found the hog.

Prosecuting Attorney Chas. K. Hart is coming over to hold the preliminary. Mrs. Bowman and Mrs. Lynch may revise their story. In any event the case is peculiar, and the parole law will probably be invoked. The hog is valued at about \$12.00.—Marceline Journal-Mirror.

YOUNG THIEVES AT WORK

About \$40 worth of goods of various kinds including revolvers were taken from the Mercantile store Saturday night by youthful thieves who gained an entrance without trouble.

An investigation led to the apprehension of two boys, Hungate and Perry, who readily admitted the theft and were locked up in the calaboose. With a convenient piece of wire they easily picked the big lock, and the next morning coolly told the marshal just how they did it not trying to escape, but laughing at the officers. Both boys are under parole for previous offenses.

A smaller Perry boy had taken a watch which belonged to Roy Huff from the Elevator company poultry house a day or two before, and had sold it to Rich Freeman, where it was found by officer Parker.

The boys were just home from Linneus, where Judge Fred Lamb sentenced them to serve four years in the Boonville reformatory, but on account of their youth paroled them. The charges were breaking jail, stealing chickens at Linneus, throwing rocks at a colored man's house and not going to school. An interesting record it must be admitted.

Chief of Police Ellis rounded the boys up, after the Saturday night burglary, and was not long in getting admissions that put him on the trail of the stolen goods. Von Lee Hungate was first to admit the burglary, and told Mr. Ellis that he would find some of the plunder under a tub in the draw back of Phil Urbach's barn. The revolver was found under an old porch back of the old poultry house near the overhead bridge. Some of the cigarettes were found in cigar boxes under a table in the flat where

the Perry boy lived, and here Virgil Perry a brother of Glenn Perry was implicated. Richard Terrill, who lives in the flat, told Mr. Ellis that Virgil gave him the gun and instructed him to hide it back of the poultry house.

Prosecuting Attorney Hart got in communication with Judge Lamb, who revoked the parole of the two young men, and Sheriff Powell came down Tuesday and took them to Linneus, from which place they were dispatched to the Boonville reform school, where they will be kept, provided a close watch is kept on them.—Marceline Herald.

BIDS OPENED FOR GLASGOW BRIDGE

Representatives of the State and Federal highway departments were in Marshall Saturday to receive bids for the Glasgow bridge.

The only bid for the entire structure received was by the Kansas City Bridge and Construction Company. Their bid being \$639,306. This bid was made in two separate items including both the superstructure and substructure. If the company could get both contracts they agreed to reduce their bid \$14,000, bringing it to \$625,306.

The Union Construction Company of Kansas City, placed a bid of \$236,917 on the substructure. The Mt. Vernon Bridge Company of Kansas City bid \$269,310 on the superstructure. The Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company of Leavenworth, bid \$344,182 on the substructure.

It will be observed that the combined bids of the Union Construction, and that of the Mt. Vernon Bridge Co., for \$269,310 superstructure, make the lowest combined bid of \$566,227.

In order to care for contingencies, engineering fees, etc., the highway department states that about \$18,000 more will be needed and in a telegram today from Mr. Piepmeyer, the highway engineer to the county clerk he says Saline county must stand for \$4,600 of this amount.—Miami News.

BIG FIRE AT WAKENDA

An over heated stove in Mrs. Smith's restaurant at Wakenda, Friday, which destroyed a whole block of business houses. For a while it appeared as if the entire town would be destroyed, and it was by the valiant work of every one in town who could carry a bucket of water it was checked after a block had been burned.

The Carrollton fire department was called but when it arrived the fire was under control.

The following business houses were destroyed:

Wakenda Lumber Company, M. L. Mills Restaurant, Mrs. Smith's Restaurant, Burkhardt Barber Shop, J. W. Thomas Harness Shop, P. G. Smith's Blacksmith Shop. The buildings were frame and most of them old buildings. The lumber yard which had recently received a new stock of lumber is the heaviest loser.

The total loss is estimated at \$40,000 with some insurance.—Bosworth Sentinel.

The Courier begs to acknowledge a fine package of home-made hand-filled country sausages with holiday wishes from Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pearson, Friday of last week. It was surely enjoyed.

Try the Want ads—it surely pays

FULTON, MO., JURIST PLACES BLAME FOR DELAY

"A large part of the slow and inadequate prosecution of criminals is the fault of judges on the bench and the lack of backbone in court," declared Judge David H. Harris of Fulton, who is on the circuit bench in Callaway county, in speaking Thursday before a judicial conference in session in the courtroom of the St. Louis Court of Appeals in the Pierce Building.

The judicial conference is composed of the supreme, appellate and circuit judges of Missouri.

Judge Francis H. Trimble of the Kansas City Court of Appeals, president of the organization, announced that he had a subject of great importance to be taken up for discussion. "I will ask Judge Harris of Fulton to state the question, and make a talk opening it," said Judge Trimble.

"The part that judges can properly take in the speedy administration of the criminal law is that subject," Judge Harris said. "This is especially important because of the fact that for the past fifty years there has been a preceptible breaking down of the prosecution of criminals and the enforcement of the criminal law."

"Back of all this condition, I say that at the outset that my observation has been that the saloon and liquor traffic has been the greatest creator of this condition."

The speaker said there were two views of the criminal law, one sentimental and the other practical. He said the view taken in the United States has been sentimental. A review was made of the enforcement of the law in England and its slow enforcement in this country.

"In England it is the usual thing to secure the conviction within sixty days, while it is unusual to go to trial in this country within that time. Convictions are rare in less than one year and it is no unusual thing for them to run from three to five," Judge Harris said.

Reference was made to the murder of his wife by Dr. Crippin and the assassination of Sir Henry Wilson last June. He said that in both instances the ferreting out of the murderers was speedy and Crippin and the murderers of Sir Henry were punished within ninety days.

"Prompt prosecution of criminals reduces the amount of crime," Judge Harris continued. "Crime decreases in proportion when punishment is swift and certain."

"I read in the newspaper today of a case where a man driving a car, convicted previously of injuring people, apparently a reckless driver, running down and killing one man and injuring two others—that that man needs is not reformation," declared Judge Harris. "He needs punishment."

"Continuances of cases from term to term is not only wrong, it is fatal to justice. Justice should be swift and sure. Trial of criminal cases should have priority over civil cases. Delay in the courts should come to an end and come speedily."

"I said this should come to an end but it cannot be ended by legislation, but by the judges who sit in the cases. It is largely the fault of the judges who sanction delay, and their lack of backbone. It is what has been said is the unwillingness of judges to determine in trials that which is pivotal and that which is piffle. Trial judges can assist by seeing that trial is prompt, speedy and exact. Big business and the bootlegger should have the same consideration where they violate the law. While the judge should not constitute himself the prosecuting attorney, it is within his province to insist upon prompt trials."

"It is the prompt and sure conviction that put the fear of God in the hearts of big criminals, and which will reduce crime. There is too much molly-coddling of the criminal."

AT THIS DAY COME the plaintiff herein, in vacation and files his petition and affidavit, alleging among other things, that Defendant, Leona Welch, is not a resident of the State of Missouri, and cannot be served with the ordinary process of law in this state.

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED by the court that said defendant be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against her in this court, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a judgment and decree of this court divorcing him from the bonds of matrimony heretofore contracted with defendant and that unless the said Leona Welch be and appear at this court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the court house in the city of Salisbury in said county, on the 5th day of February next,

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PULLING THE SPANGLED LEG

WILL the campaign of foreign propaganda ever cease? We are severely criticised because we do not open our money bags and pour their contents into the bankrupt treasuries of Europe.

We are importuned and wheedled to cancel the billions of war debts due us from our late allies.

We are charged with deserting them because we are not willing to embroil ourselves in the tangled affairs of the nations across the seas.

We are denounced as war profiteers because we sold to the late victors in the war munitions and supplies with which they persecuted that war—and they were sold upon the insistent plea of those nations.

We are told that it is our duty to come to the aid of civilization—but with gold in our hands.

And now comes the Greek nation with a demand that we let down our immigration bars and open our doors to a million and a half of Greek refugees from Constantinople and Asia Minor.

God forbid! It is because of the presence of so many foreign malcontents in this country that we are in a constant state of internal turmoil, with the shadow of bolshevistic revolution and plunder always hovering as a menace in the background.

Admit a million and a half direct from the hotbed of intrigue and fanaticism?

Never! Men and women of foreign birth who have come to us in the past and have proven themselves to be good citizens are welcome, and we extend to them the hand of fellowship and good will.

But they constitute a sufficiency. If Greece needs aid in feeding her own people who are forced by circumstances to return to their native land, we will extend that aid in the same manner that we have been doing it in other such agencies.

No one can charge the United States with being niggardly in feeding and clothing the hungry and naked of foreign lands. Even as this is being written, our food and our clothing and our gold are being sent abroad in great quantities for this very purpose and hundreds of thousands are being saved from starvation.

This we are glad to do, because it is an act of humanity.

But we are eternally opposed to the wholesale admission of a horde of refugees who have been reared amidst blood, butchery and trickery. That would be an act of insanity.

Let the Greek nation house its own refugees and if necessary we will aid in feeding and clothing them until they can become self sustaining.

But no more! The volcano of discontent is becoming hot under our feet as it is.

We will not knowingly kick off the lid.—Brookfield Argus.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI, County of Chariton—
In the Circuit Court of Chariton County, Salisbury, Mo. February Term, 1923.
N. B. Welch —————Plaintiff.
Vs.
Leona Welch —————Defendant.

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ISIS THEATRE

BRUNSWICK, MISSOURI

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1922—

CONWAY TEARLE in "THE FIGHTER"

—Admission 20 and 10c

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1922—

"TEN DOLLAR RAISE" a FIRST NATIONAL. ALSO HAROLD LLOYD COMEDY and a UNIVERSAL COMEDY —Admission 25 and 10c

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1922—

JOHN GILBERT in "ARABIAN LOVE" Some say it is as good as "The Sheik." Also Showing Two Comedies. —Admission 25 and 10c

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and on or before the first day of said term, if the term shall so long continue—and if not, then on or before the last day of said term—answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

And it is further ordered, that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in the Chariton Courier a weekly newspaper published in this County for four weeks successively, and published at least once a week for four weeks the last insertion to be at least 30 days before the first day of the said term of this court.

W. G. WRIGHT Clerk

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Circuit Court of Chariton County, this 23rd day of November, 1922.
(SEAL) W. G. WRIGHT Circuit Clerk

Dec. 1-8-15-22, 1922.

TRUSTEE'S SALE BY SHERIFF

Whereas, M. J. O'Connell and Nellie L. O'Connell, his wife, by their certain deed of trust dated March 1, 1921, and recorded in Book 56, at page 48, Deed of Trust Records of Chariton County, Missouri, conveyed to O. P. Ray, Trustee, the following described property: The west half of the south west quarter of section twenty-four (24), township fifty-five (55), range nineteen (19), Chariton County, Missouri, said conveyance being made to secure the payment of a certain note in said deed of trust described and the interest thereon, and Whereas, default has been made in the payment of said note, and Whereas, it is provided in said deed of trust that in the event of absence, death or refusal to act on the part of the said trustee that the sheriff of Chariton county, Missouri should perform the duties of said trustee, and Whereas, said trustee has refused to act in the premises.

Now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note and in accordance with the provisions of said deed of trust, I, the undersigned sheriff of Chariton county, Missouri, as trustee, will on Saturday, the 23rd day of December, 1922, at the East door of the court house, in the City of Keytesville, Missouri, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon offer for sale and sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the above described property for the purpose of satisfying the indebtedness described in said deed of trust and the costs of the execution of this trust.

A. S. WILKS Sheriff.

December 8-15-22-29, 1922.

SHERIFF'S SALE UNDER A DEGREE OF COURT AS TRUSTEE

Notice is hereby given that whereas, Fred Kersein and Elsie Kersein, husband and wife, by their certain deed of trust dated on the 24th day of November, 1917, filed for record on the 26th day of November, 1917, and recorded in book 47, at page 444 of the deed of trust record of Chariton County, Missouri, conveyed to John L. Schmitz, as trustee, the following described real estate, situate, lying and being in the County of Chariton, State of Missouri, to wit: The east half of Section 24, township 55, range 19, and the east half of the southeast quarter of section 24, township 55, range 19, containing four hundred acres, more or less, and Whereas, said deed of trust was made subject to a prior deed of trust for sixteen thousand dollars to the Peters Trust Company, and Whereas, said deed of trust provides that in case of default in the payment of said note and interest thereon, secured by said deed of trust, then said deed of trust may be foreclosed at the request of the legal holder of said note, and Whereas, default has been made in the payment of said note secured by said deed of trust, and whereas, on the 23rd day of November, 1922, said deed of trust was ordered foreclosed by the circuit court of Chariton County, Missouri, by its decree and order to the undersigned sheriff of Chariton County, Missouri, upon the court's finding that said John L. Schmitz had refused to act as such a trustee, and its finding that said note together with the interest thereon was past due and that said deed of trust was under the condition thereof subject to be foreclosed as provided thereby.

Now, therefore, I, the undersigned, sheriff of Chariton County, Missouri, at the request of the legal holder of said note and by virtue and authority of the decree and order of the court of Chariton County, Missouri, made on the 23rd day of November, 1922, will proceed to sell the real estate above described at public vendue to the highest bidder at the court house door (south side) in the City of Keytesville, Chariton County, Missouri, for cash, on Friday, the 5th day of January, 1923, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that date, subject to said prior encumbrance, for the purpose of paying said note, interest and costs as provided by said deed of trust securing said note and as provided and authorized by the decree and order of this court.

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A. S. WILKS, Sheriff of Chariton County, Mo. Dec. 15-22-29, 1922, Jan. 5, 1923.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Keytesville, Mo., December 6, 1922. Notice is hereby given that the annual stockholders' meeting of the Farmers Bank of Chariton County will be held at its banking house in the City of Keytesville, Missouri, on Monday, the first day of January, 1923.

Said meeting will be convened at 9 o'clock a. m. and continued during at least three hours, unless the object for which such meeting is called be accomplished sooner.

The purpose for which this meeting is called is to elect directors for the said bank to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

Also to vote upon the following propositions: (a) to reduce the number of directors from seven to five; (b) to amend section two of the by-laws, which requires the cashier of the bank to be a director.

Attest: H. C. MILLER, Secretary. A. S. TAYLOR, President.

THIS Is Intended for YOU If You Owe Me

Come in and settle your account right now. Don't wait any longer. I must have these accounts collected by Jan. 1, 1923. After that date I must turn them over to a collector.

Keytesville Lumber Co. A. F. ARRINGTON